



Members Present:

Dennis Lipp, Vice-Mayor
Ryan Liang, Council Member
Ron Jarriel, Council Member

Members Absent:

Dave Browning, Mayor
Dr. J. William Louda, Council Member

Others Attending:

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, Interim Town Manager (NCS)
Matthew Lippman, Interim Town Clerk (NCS)
Michelle Kantor, Interim Assistant Town Clerk (NCS)
Mike Cirullo., Esq., Town Attorney
Members of the Public

Others Absent:

None

1. – 4. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The meeting was duly noticed and posted. Vice-Mayor Lipp called the meeting to order at 5:16.m. He then requested the roll call by Town Clerk Matthew Lippman. Town Clerk Lippman noted that both Mayor Browning and Councilman Louda were absent. Upon completion of the roll Vice-Mayor Lipp requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #5.

5. Approval of Agenda

Councilman Liang made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Councilman Jarriel and the MOTION passed unanimously 3-0, with both Mayor Browning and Councilman Louda absent.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #6.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Setting of Millage

Resolution 2009-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL MILLAGE FOR THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING For CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Clerk Lippman announced just for the record this is the 1st Budget Hearing and this has been legally noticed by Florida Statute through TRIM Notices that have been sent to all the landowners and residents in the Town and a copy is inside your Agenda Packet to show that it was properly advertised on the TRIM Notice. He said the first Resolution you will be considering tonight is Resolution 2009-019 which is adopting your Millage Rate for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year. He said on July 21, 2009, the Town Council adopted Resolution 2009-015 setting the maximum tentative millage rate, and at that point the millage rate that you adopted was 1.4000. This resolution will set your millage rate for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Vice-Mayor Lipp opened the item for discussion by the Council.

Councilman Jarriel said I just think it is great that we dropped it from 1.5000 to 1.4000, and maybe next year we can drop it again.

Councilman Liang said I just think it is great and I believe that we are one of the only municipalities in PBC to lower our millage, while most others are either raising them or keeping them the same.

Vice-Mayor Lipp opened the Public Hearing at 5:21pm.

Cindy Corum, 2452 C Road- said I just will go on further and I think we probably have the lowest millage rate of all the municipalities in PBC. She said I don't know think anyone is below 2.000.

Councilman Liang made a MOTION to approve Resolution 2009-019 to set the Millage at 1.4000 on the 1st reading and Public Hearing, and to set the 2nd Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 5:15pm at the LGWCD 101 W. D Road, SECONDED by Councilman Jarriel and discussion was then continued:

Town Attorney Cirullo conducted the reading of the title of Resolution 2009-019, and confirmed the 2nd hearing on the millage would be held next Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 5:15pm at the same location, the LGWCD.

Town Clerk Lippman confirmed that the Motion being made was to set the millage rate for the 2009/2010 Fiscal year at 1.4000 and also to announce on Thursday, September 17, 2009, the 2nd and Final Budget Hearing will be held at 5:15pm at the LGWCD.

The MOTION passed unanimously 3-0, with both Mayor Browning and Councilman Louda absent.

Vice-Mayor Lipp closed the Public Hearing at 5:23pm.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #7.

7. Adoption of Budget

Resolution 2009-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Lippman said we have had this opportunity over the last two years and I think especially now with the addition of the FAAC we are way ahead of the game. He said and there are a lot of municipalities out there that have Budgets like ours that meet about fifteen times before the Budget can pass, so I think the fact that we have been able to work this out at Town Council Meetings and especially with the direction of the FAAC has been a positive experience. He said and I specifically want to thank the Chair Elise Ryan for taking the time to sit and work it out with me. He said and with that we have an actual Budget to present to you, in addition to the Budget we do have the explanations of all the categories for anyone who wants to know, and as part of the Resolution there is a Summary Budget as it will appear as an advertisement for the newspaper. He said so it would be appropriate at this time to make a Motion to approve Resolution 2009-020, which would then adopt on 1st reading the Budget for the 2009/2010 Fiscal year

Town Attorney Cirullo said you also just like the last one have to set your 2nd Hearing on the Budget for September 17, 2009 and it can be part of the same Motion.

Vice-Mayor Lipp opened the Public Hearing at 5:24pm.

Elise Ryan, 3508 A Road- said I just wanted to say that I think we have a very good Budget and I think the packet that Matthew has put together for you and I would put this up against any other municipality in the County in terms of the completeness of the information and the clarity of the information that is there. She said I think people can be confident that we have everything we need and this was a lot of work on Matthew's part and he has done a great job and I want to thank him.

Town Clerk Lippman said I think it is a good team and I think the FAAC will work very well with Frank Spence and I think hopefully the same thing will happen again. He said they have been a great help to us.

Councilman Jarriel said I just want to brag on the packet too. He said this educated me and helped me understand. He said the packet was outstanding and I appreciate it and I appreciate everything the FAAC has done and Elise working with Matthew. He said to me, you make our job a whole lot easier up here, especially when it comes to jobs like accepting a Budget and I do appreciate it.

Councilman Liang said I would just like to reiterate what Councilman Jarriel said, I appreciate all the work Elise, the FAAC, and Matt has done putting together this proposed Budget. He said the other thing I really like about this is how Matt was able to give a good description of everything so that the average person can easily read through this Budget and they can understand it. He said and anybody can just put together a Budget and show numbers but if there isn't an

explanation or anything, they would have no idea what these numbers are for and I think Matthew did a really good job with this.

Town Clerk Lippman responded Thank you.

Vice-Mayor Lipp closed the Public Hearing at 5:28pm.

Councilman Jarriel made a MOTION to approve Resolution 2009-020 to adopt the Budget on the 1st reading and Public Hearing, and to set the 2nd Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 5:15pm at the LGWCD 101 W. D Road, SECONDED by Councilman Liang discussion was then continued:

Town Attorney Cirullo conducted the reading of the title of Resolution 2009-020.

The MOTION passed unanimously 3-0, with both Mayor Browning and Councilman Louda absent.

Vice-Mayor Lipp closed the Public Hearing at 5:28pm.

Vice-Mayor Lipp said for the record, the Budget on the 1st reading passes.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #8.

8. Public Comments

There were no comments.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #9.

9. Town Management Comments

Town Clerk Lippman said just to clarify for the record, I meant to say this on Item #6 on Resolution 2009-019 there were references in there to the 2008-2009 Fiscal year and that has been corrected to 2009-2010 and that is on Page 1 of the Resolution. He said I just wanted to state that for the record and I appreciate working with everyone here and I hope you have a good fiscal year.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #10.

10. Town Attorney Comments

There were no comments.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #11.

11. Town Council Member Comments

Councilman Liang had no comments.

Councilman Jarriel said I want to thank the people and professionals who are volunteering their time, I've said it before, we have resources in Loxahatchee Groves that are unbelievable and for these people to dedicate and volunteer their time and the hours that they've put into this Budget I think is outstanding, and hopefully when my time is up some of these people will want to be on the Council. He said I've enjoyed from the time I got elected till right now it's been enjoyable and I've seen progress and I've seen improvement and the best thing of it all is seeing the residents of Loxahatchee Groves get involved and I Thank all of you.

Vice-Mayor Lipp said I want to remind everyone here to be sure to be at Palms West Presbyterian Church this Saturday starting at 10am to work to get through this Workshop. He said and I am looking forward to that.

Vice-Mayor Lipp moved to Item #12.

12. Adjournment

Councilman Jarriel MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Councilman Liang and the Motion passed unanimously 3-0, with both Mayor Browning and Councilman Louda absent.

There being no further discussion and no additional public comment the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


MAYOR DAVE BROWNING

ATTEST:


Michelle Kantor, Town Clerk

Date Approved